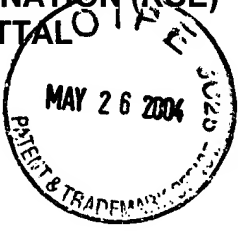


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number: 09/936,166	Confirmation Number: 9560
	Filing Date: September 10, 2001	
	First Named Inventor: Tadashi Kokubo	
	Group Art Unit: 1617	
	Examiner: Shahnam J. Sharareh	
	Attorney Docket Number: 6082-26	
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.**

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

ii. ☒ Other - enter the Reply to Office Action filed March 24, 2004

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (second and third Months) \$840.00

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,610.00 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required	
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Signature:	Date: May 26, 2004

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